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TWO CENTS

PERRY BILL IS SNOWED UNDER

Orleans County Only One to Favor It—Majority for Local Option Upwards of 13,000—Direct Primary Act Adopted—Windham County Strong for Present System

Perryism was repudiated by the voters of Vermont yesterday. By a majority of more than 13,500—a margin far larger than even the most ardent advocates of town control had reason to expect—the state placed its seal of approval on the present local option law which was adopted in 1903 by little more than 1,000 votes.

Orleans county was the only one to endorse the measure which bore the name of Brattleboro's representative in the last legislature, and its majority was but 338. The other counties turned it down by majorities ranging from 3,335 in Rutland to 169 in Essex.

Windham county voted for local option by 1,372, the only towns to favor the Perry bill being Stratton and Vernon. Brattleboro's repudiation of the Perry bill is shown in a majority of 538 against it.

The direct primary act was adopted by a small majority—something over 3,500, the heaviest vote for it being cast in Chittenden and Bennington counties. Windham county turned down the primary idea by the small majority of 295 although the two largest towns, Brattleboro and Rockingham, favored it.

The following table gives the results by counties on both referendums, the figures being practically complete:

	Perry Act	Primary
	"Yes." "No."	"Yes." "No."
Addison	1190 2002	1973 1199
Bennington	958 2590	1892 1441
Caledonia	1456 1745	1699 1321
Chittenden	2397 3992	3515 2495
Essex	326 495	279 489
Franklin	1708 2349	2071 1776
Grand Isle	194 308	256 233
Lamoille	682 932	910 611
Orange	902 1375	1047 1151
Orleans	1464 1126	1540 944
Rutland	2149 5504	3338 3813
Washington	2103 4233	2182 1883
Windham	1196 2578	1506 1889
Windsor	1750 2902	2338 1918
Totals	18,475 32,181	24,736 21,163
	majority 13,656	3573 majority

The number of license towns in the state was increased from 20 to 23, but in at least seven of these the population is so small that there is little or no likelihood that licenses will be taken out. The list of license towns is as follows:

Bennington	Pownal
Burlington	Rutland
Burnsville	St. Albans
Barre	Swanton
Castleton	Seabrook
Colchester	South Hero
Canaan	Shelburne
Fair Haven	Shoreham
Jay	Somerset
Middlesex	Vergennes
Mt. Tabor	West Rutland
Norton	

The towns of Bethel, Brighton, Isle LaMotte and Reading swung from wet to dry, while Barre, Norton, Swanton, Castleton, Mount Tabor, Middlesex and South Hero shifted from dry to wet.

Centre Congregational Church

The women of the Guilford church will serve a sugar supper Thursday evening and the choir from the Centre church will give a concert. Any wishing to go from here may have reservation made for a nominal sum if they will leave their names with Ralph Churchill at the Brattleboro Trust Co. by Wednesday afternoon.

First Baptist Church

Wednesday, March 8, 3 to 5 p. m.—There will be a social for all the women of the church at the home of Mrs. Julius J. Estey and Mrs. J. Gray Estey. The talent money will be received at this time.

The regular meeting of the Christian Endeavor society will be held in the chapel this evening at 7.30. Topic, The Consolation of Strength. Leader, Miss Ruby Thurber. Ps. 29:1-11. Consecration meeting.

In Odd Fellows' Hall

Wednesday, March 8, 7.30 p. m.—Rehearsal of first degree.

Regular meeting of Canton Palestine Thursday evening, 7.30. Rehearsal of degree.

Cream Fish Supper

Methodist Church

Tonight, Wednesday Evening
5.30 to 8 o'clock

25 CENTS

Yesterday's Vote in Windham County

Town.	Perry Bill	License	Primary
	Yes. No.	Yes. No.	Yes. No.
Athens	8 21	4 21	4 23
Brattleboro	351 889	389 788	584 541
Brookline	11 24	7 24	4 30
Dover	27 49	22 52	32 39
Dummerston	22 76	27 61	28 56
Grafton	25 45	3 24	30 41
Guilford	28 72	26 72	31 41
Halifax	17 42	14 34	13 41
Jamaica	20 80	15 78	23 84
Londonderry	54 119	17 50	94 71
Marlboro	13 29	12 29	8 34
Newfane	45 83	16 99	41 81
Putney	37 115	40 103	50 95
Rockingham	266 462	225 495	381 261
Somerset	1 4	3 1	1 4
Stratton	8 4	2 10	1 11
Townshend	61 82	15 84	59 79
Vernon	42 37	16 64	31 41
Wardsboro	21 69	21 24	29 55
Westminster	39 66	12 87	48 49
Whitingham	25 91	49 63	24 87
Wilmington	61 88	45 103	61 72
Windham	24 31	24 31	19 31
Majority	1206 2578	1004 2387	1596 1889
	1372	1393	293

PROHIBITION TURNED DOWN

Brattleboro Voted Against it But Increased No-License Vote

MAJORITY AGAINST LICENSE IS 399

Primary Law Won by Majority of 43—Town Clerk Hopkins Received Largest Number of Votes in List of Town Officers.

Brattleboro voters showed their feelings plainly yesterday on the matters of local option as opposed to the prohibition bill. The town gave a majority of 538 against the prohibition bill, but went no license by the emphatic majority of 399, an increase of 157. On the primary referendum a majority of 43 was given for it, the vote on this being 584 in favor of the primary law and 541 against it.

It was an hour after the polls closed at 3 o'clock before the result of the license vote and the votes on the two state issues were announced. It was 5 o'clock before the count had finished the work of counting the ballots for town officers. Although there was only one ticket in the field there was many split ballots that the work was very slow.

The vote on the Perry referendum was Yes, 351; No, 889. On the local license question it was Yes, 389; No, 788. On the primary referendum it was Yes, 584; No, 541. The voters, as usual, sat down hard on licenses of the fifth class (druggists' licenses), the vote being Yes, 255; No, 729.

It was noticeable that while there were within 27 as many votes on the license question this year as there were last, there were 92 less votes for license than a year ago. Probably 200 local voters were prevented from voting on town questions by reason of having failed to pay their taxes before Feb. 15 and this may account for the large falling off in the "yes" vote.

Carl S. Hopkins, town clerk, "led all the rest" in the total number of ballots cast for town officers. He received 1,077 votes, leading William A. Shumway, tax collector, by three votes as the most popular of the town officers. There were 40 scattering votes, 26 blank ballots found defective and 24 blank ballots on town officers.

The votes for the different candidates of the Peoples party, which had no organized opposition, were as follows:

Moderator, Anthony P. Schwenk, 1,038; town clerk, Carl S. Hopkins, 1,077; lister for three years, Fred A. Betterley, 1,039; lister for one year to fill vacancy caused by resignation of John L. Barney, Abraham J. Currier, 1,035; selectman for three years, Arthur E. Stowe, 1,054; road commissioner, Warren L. Walker, 1,046; overseer of the poor, Oscar T. Ware, 1,026; collector of taxes, William A. Shumway, 1,074; treasurer, Wilford H. Brackett, 1,037; auditors, Oscar E. Benson, 1,025; Charles G. Staples, 1,024; Dana H. Stafford, 1,016; town grand jurors, Frank D. E. Stowe, 1,016; Harrie B. Chase, 1,005; first constable, Chauncey I. Knapp, 1,010; second constable, Herbert E. Harris, 994; town agent, Arthur P. Carpenter, 1,021; trustees of public library, O. L. French, 1,015; E. H. Crane, 1,006; J. P. Rand, 1,002.

CONFERENCE FINISHED.

Col. House Two Days in Making Report to President Wilson.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Col. E. M. House, who has been here two days reporting to President Wilson on his recent trip to the capitals of the belligerent nations, returned today to New York.

PORTER ON TRIAL.

Torpedo Boat Destroyer Making Run Over Government Course.

ROCKLAND, Me., March 8.—The torpedo boat destroyer Porter, started on her standardization trial over the government course today.

DRIVE HALTS NEAR VERDUN

Germans Fail to Continue Their Attack on the French Lines

RENEWAL OF BATTLE IS EXPECTED SOON

Russian Army Pushing Toward Sivas—Winston Churchill's Criticism of the Management of British Navy Sensation in London.

Pausing on the ground they had won on Monday and Tuesday in their impetuous dash southward to the west of the Meuse the forces of the German crown prince, fighting for Verdun, failed to continue last night their driving attack on the French lines.

The renewal of the great battle, however, is being momentarily awaited, the persistent activity of the heavy artillery indicating that the time for this cannot be far distant.

Attention is being drawn to the operations of the Russians along the Black sea coast in Armenia. The advance in this region is enabling the Central Russian army well inland to keep up its onward march from Erzerum toward Sivas, some 200 miles west of Erzerum.

According to the current official statement from Constantinople, the British army under Gen. Ailmer, on the way to the relief of Gen. Townshend at Kut-el-Amara, has been making renewed efforts to advance.

It is declared that all its attempts failed. Rome advices indicate that Italy has determined to make every effort to retain possession of the Avion sector at the southern end of Albania. Allied troops have withdrawn from virtually all the other Albanian territory to the north in the face of the Austrian advance southward.

The Italian chamber of deputies by a vote of 281 to 25 upheld the ministry of Premier Salandra after the previous premier had energetically replied to demands by socialist groups for an investigation into the conduct of the war.

LONDON, March 8.—The return of Col. Winston Churchill, former first lord of the admiralty, from the front in order to criticize the management of the navy under his successor, A. J. Balfour, has been the political sensation of the year. For the first time since he left the admiralty Lord Fisher, former first sea lord, today attended a full meeting of the war council presided over by Premier Asquith. It is understood Lord Fisher was invited to join the war council temporarily to give his advice on important matters.

LONDON, March 8.—An Athens despatch to the Exchange Telegraph company reports rumors of the death of Enver Pasha, Turkish minister of war, but all efforts to confirm or refute them have been unavailing.

ROTTERDAM, March 8, via London.—One American citizen and seven British subjects from Ruhlleben, near Berlin, the German detention camp for civilians of enemy countries, have arrived here on their way to England. The American is Eugene Smith of Springfield, Mass., who has been a prisoner in Germany for six months.

BERLIN, March 8, via London.—The capture of a French position west of the Meuse on both sides of the Forges Brook below Bethincourt, six kilometers wide and three kilometers deep, was announced today by German army headquarters.

It was also announced that the village of Forges and Regneville and the heights of Raben were in German possession. The capture of 58 French officers, 3,277 men and 10 cannon is officially reported. In the Woerze district the French were driven out of the last houses they held in the village of Fresnes. More than 700 prisoners were made here.

PARIS, March 8, via London.—In the Champagne region the French have recaptured portions of the trenches lost on March 6, according to a semi-official announcement made here today. The situation north of Verdun is unchanged. No infantry attacks were made last night, the announcement says. Artillery fighting continued.

LYONS, March 8.—The seat of the government of Montenegro has been transferred from Lyons to Bordeaux. The king and members of the royal family with the cabinet officers left here last night to take up their new residence in a mansion which has been prepared for them near the city of Bordeaux.

THOMPSON MONEY FOR ROCKINGHAM

Announced in Town Meeting in Bel-lows Falls That Mr. Bradley Would Send School Nurse There.

(Special to The Reformer.)
BELLOWS FALLS, March 8.—A part of the Thompson fund is coming to the town of Rockingham. This was announced in the annual town meeting yesterday afternoon. The question of medical inspection in the schools was before the meeting and in speaking in favor of having the article adopted Dr. W. D. Bowen of Saxtons River, a member of the board of school directors, said that the board had been in communication with Richards Bradley, trustee of the fund, and that he had promised to send a nurse to this town and pay the cost through the fund.

The expense will be about \$80 a month and it will not cost the town a cent to try it out, if present plans are carried out, when the motion to have inspection was put to the voters it was carried.

The sum of \$1,000 was appropriated toward the support of the Rockingham hospital. C. Brigham & Co. of Cambridge, Mass., who have leased the plant of the Boston Dairy company, were exempted from taxation for five years. The discussion on this article took more time than that on any other in the warrant. Sixty-five cents on the grand list was appropriated for the support of the schools and 85 per cent toward defraying ordinary expenses and for the support of the poor. The articles which had to do with a uniform system of town accounting and with the town availing itself of the opportunity to facilitate the assessment and collection of poll taxes were dismissed.

Resolutions upon the death of Judge Zina H. Ailbee, which occurred Monday afternoon, were offered by Judge Thomas E. O'Brien and were unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Last year 870 votes were cast on the question of issuing first-class liquor licenses as compared with 720 yesterday.

PRESIDENT WINS IN HOUSE VOTE

The Lamore Resolution Tabled, 93 Republicans Voting with the Democrats.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—By a vote of 276 to 142 the house last night went on record as opposing all interference with the President's conduct of foreign affairs.

The magnitude of the majority in favor of tabling the McLemore resolution, achieved with the aid of many Republican votes, is interpreted as a decisive compliance with the request of the President.

The vote, which brought to a close a day of tumultuous debate, is regarded as disposing of the controversy between the White House and congress, leaving the President with hands free to resume the negotiations concerning the activity of submarines in the European war.

In the final vote 182 Democrats, 93 Republicans and one Progressive stood by the President, while 83 Democrats, 102 Republicans, five Progressives and two others voted with the opposition.

All of the New England Republicans except Sulloway of New Hampshire, Roberts of Massachusetts and Hill of Connecticut voted with the majority.

BRYAN KNOWS ALL ABOUT IT, AS USUAL

Says the Vote Does Not Represent Sentiment in Regard to Traveling on Armed Ships.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, March 8.—Commenting on yesterday's action of the house of representatives in the armed ship controversy, William J. Bryan, former secretary of state, who spoke here last night, said: "The question was presented in such a way that there is little significance in the vote. It does not represent the sentiment in congress as to the wisdom of Americans traveling upon belligerent merchantmen. Had this question been presented and the opinion of congress asked upon it there is no doubt that a majority in both senate and house would express themselves in favor of preventing Americans from traveling into the danger zone on belligerent ships. If the action of congress helped the President to reach a peaceful settlement of the controversy everybody will be happy."

HIRSH HEARING BEGUN.

Two Witnesses Had Testified in Bel-lows Falls Up to Noon.

(Special to The Reformer.)
BELLOWS FALLS, March 8.—The hearing in the case of the state against M. Hirsh, charged with aid in promoting a lottery by soliciting members for a furniture club, was begun this morning before Judge T. E. O'Brien. When the recess was taken at 12.30 o'clock only the two witnesses had been examined. State's Attorney O. B. Hughes appears for the state and Attorney George H. Thompson of Bel-lows Falls and Attorney J. B. Richardson of Boston represent the respondent.

William H. Taylor testified that he had informed the respondent that he wished to buy a ticket in the club. Hirsh had collected from him each week since. He did not know anything else about the matter.

Mrs. Ida E. Taylor, wife of the first witness, swore that Hirsh had told her that each week in Boston there was a drawing and that the lucky person received a piece of furniture. She stuck to her story on cross examination.

SHIPS USED OFFENSIVELY

Germany's Statement in Regard to the Armed Merchantmen of Allies

VON BENSTORFF CONSULTS LANSING

German Holds That Armed Ship Question Is Not Connected with the Lusitania Negotiations—State Department's View Opposite.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Count Von Benstorff, the German ambassador, conferred with Secretary Lansing today to present by instruction of his government Germany's viewpoint on the armed merchantship question. The engagement was made at the ambassador's request. Count Von Benstorff handed to Secretary Lansing a long memorandum explaining in detail the German position in regard to armed merchant ships and the causes leading up to the decision of the central European powers to torpedo warning all armed merchantmen of their enemies.

Secretary Lansing now has before him the appendices to the announcement of the new German submarine campaign which, Germany contends, prove that British merchantships armed for defense have been using their guns offensively against submarines.

On the eve of a decision of how the United States will regard the new campaign the ambassador was instructed to discuss the question fully with the secretary and outline Berlin's views at length.

Germany's position is that the armed ship question is not connected with the Lusitania negotiations and the state's department view is exactly the opposite.

It was considered probable, however, that the Lusitania negotiations, which have been held in abeyance while the congressional situation was being disposed of, might be discussed again today.

Secretary Lansing and Count Von Benstorff declined to divulge the contents of the German memorandum. It is understood to contain the allegation that Great Britain had taken advantage of the tension of the United States that Americans must be safe on defensively armed merchantmen to have those ships act offensively toward army submarines.

The German government, it is understood, contends that as submarines are a new engine of warfare international law as at present constituted makes no provision for their use.

The German government is understood to express a willingness to operate its submarines in accordance to international law prevailing prior to the war, provided Great Britain does not violate the same law.

GREATLY ALARMED BY THE EXPLOSION

Canadian Militia Mobilized When Chemical Plant Blew Up at Niagara Falls.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., March 8.—Fire which followed an explosion in the chlorate department of the Niagara Electro-Chemical company, today threatened to complete the destruction of the plant begun last night when several explosions inflicted damage estimated at \$150,000 and one man was killed.

The explosion was heard in Canada and it caused a hasty mobilization of the militia guarding the frontier.

Police drove spectators from the vicinity as the fire was driven toward chemicals of a highly explosive nature.

Water mixing with the chemicals only added fuel to the flames.

Dr. Hector R. Cravath, manager of the company, issued a formal statement today to the effect that the plant had been "bombed." He was making an inspection of the plant when today's explosion occurred.

In direct contradiction to a statement made by him earlier in the day, Dr. Cravath at noon said: "I do not know what caused the explosions. It is my purpose to make a thorough investigation to discover if possible the cause of them." The fire was well under control at noon.

Her Prize.
Daughter—Did you have to fish much, mama, before you caught papa?
Mother—Fish, my dear—fish! I was bear hunting.—London M. A. P.

BABY WEEK

Beginning March 6th, ending March 11. Every child, 10 years old and under, having their hair cut will receive a box of Hersey's Milk Chocolates.

A new Hydraulic Porcelain Chair for the little tots.

BROOKS HOUSE SANITARY BARBER SHOP

See Chair in North Window